



SMALL GROUP Q'S

- Name a time you have experienced joy.
- What is the difference between happiness and joy?
- How do love and joy go together?
- Jonah wasn't portrayed as a good person, but he was still a spokesperson for God and God still used him to save 120,000 people! It reminds us of Paul in the New Testament. He tracked down Christians to kill them! Still, God called him out and used him to write half of the New Testament! Paul knew he had a bad past and mentioned his sorrow and regret for it, but he knew the love and mercy God showed him, which brought him great joy. No matter what you have in your past, God can use you to do incredible things. Does that bring you joy? I hope so!
- How do we see in the story of Jonah selfishness fighting against joy?
- Think back to the boat. Jonah waited until the lot fell on him to finally admit he was running from the Lord. Have you ever run from the Lord? What made you realize it and turn back around toward him?
- Despite Jonah's hatred, he still followed God, as evidenced by his prayer in the belly of a whale. Read Jonah 2 and notice how Jonah still relied on the Lord in the worst of times.
- How does God's mission to redeem even the worst of people in Nineveh give you joy?